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# H. R. 502

To prohibit the expenditure of Federal funds on metric system highway signing.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DARDEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Public Works and Transportation

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. METRIC SYSTEM SIGNING.**

4       (a) PLACEMENT OF SIGNS.—No Federal funds may  
5       be expended to construct, erect, or otherwise place any  
6       sign relating to any speed limit, distance, or other meas-  
7       urement on any highway if such sign establishes such  
8       speed limit, distance, or other measurement using the met-  
9       ric system unless Congress, after the date of the enact-  
10      ment of this Act, specifically authorizes such expenditure.

1       (b) MODIFICATION OF SIGNS.—No Federal funds  
2 may be expended to modify any sign relating to any speed  
3 limit, any distance, or any other measurement on any  
4 highway for the conversion of such sign to the metric sys-  
5 tem unless Congress, after the date of the enactment of  
6 this Act, specifically authorizes such expenditure.

7       (c) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of subsections (a)  
8 and (b), the following definitions apply:

9           (1) HIGHWAY.—The term “highway” has the  
10 meaning such term has under section 101 of title  
11 23, United States Code.

12          (2) METRIC SYSTEM.—The term “metric sys-  
13 tem” has the meaning the term “metric system of  
14 measurement” has under section 4 of the Metric  
15 Conversion Act of 1975 (15 U.S.C. 205c).

16       (d) NONAPPLICABILITY TO PUERTO RICO.—This sec-  
17 tion shall not apply to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

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